

# **Punishment of community service and its performance**

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis deals with basic aspects of community service in terms of Czech and foreign legal regulation, it deals with its development in time, statistical data, special regulation of criminal measures of publicly beneficial works imposed on juveniles and problematic aspects of existing legal regulation.

The aim of the thesis is to define the status of the punishment of community service in the system of domestic and foreign law, to provide detailed information on the substantive and procedural law contained in the Criminal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and other supporting acts, to deal with problematic aspects and to mediate opinion of public, judges and probation officers. In cooperation with the probation officer and with the providers of community service I summarized the basic problematic aspects of the community service and considered their possible solution, which I summarize in the individual chapters.

In terms of used methods the thesis uses a legal-analytical, legal-comparative, legal-descriptive approach, query model and statistical models.

In addition to the introduction and conclusion, the thesis is divided into eleven chapters, which are further subdivided into subchapters. In the first two chapters I deal with terminology, the importance of punishment of community service, alternative punishments, and the introduction of punishment for community service into the Czech legal order and its development. I consider chapter three to be very important, which deals with the basic aspects of the community service in Czech law. In the following chapters I deal with the Probation and Mediation Service, the Community service Providers and with special conditions of juvenile criminal measures.

In chapter seven I analyze the available statistical data of district courts and Probation and Mediation Services which deal with community service. In the following chapter I compare the punishment of community service with foreign legislation.

Interesting chapters are nine and ten, which interpret information from anonymous questionnaires filled in by judges, probation officers, and the public, and in which they evaluated the institute of community service. The last chapter refers to relevant case-law.